

TO: Chair Ikaika Anderson and  
Members of the Zoning and Planning Committee  
City and County of Honolulu

FROM: Rev. Bob Nakata, Co-Chair  
FACE Committee on Housing

RE: Bill 20 Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units

HEARING: Thursday, August 20, 2015

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Dear Chair Anderson and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of Bill 20 to establish accessory dwelling units as permitted housing in Honolulu. These units will help to significantly increase the supply of affordable rental housing to meet the critical need to end homelessness.

The small units, leases of at least six months, controlled parking, low construction costs, private and not government funding will all help to keep them affordable. ADUs will be allowed only where infrastructure is available.

We urge you to pass Bill 20 to meet the crisis in affordable rental housing and help to end homelessness in Honolulu.